



Livestock and Products

2001 Nebraska Summary

The January 1, 2002 cattle and calves inventory in Nebraska continued to decline, falling 3 percent from the previous year. Beef cows fell 1 percent to 1.93 million head. Milk cows showed a 9 percent decrease to 68,000 head. Cattle on feed were down 7 percent to 2.37 million head. The number of cattle operations fell to 26,000. Milk cow operations fell to 1,100 or 69 percent of the number of operations 5 years ago.

The December 1, 2001 hog and pig inventory in Nebraska was down 5 percent after a 2 percent increase in 2000. Breeding inventories were up 3 percent, while market hogs fell 6 percent. Number of hog operations fell to 3,400 or 40 percent of the number of operations 5 years ago. Average litter rates have improved in the last 20 years from around 7 pigs per litter in the early 70's to nearly 9 pigs per litter in 2001.

The January 1, 2002 sheep and lamb inventory was down 11 percent from last year with number of operations falling to 1,600. Wool production was down to a record low 620 thousand pounds. Wool prices, at 20 cents per pound, were up 11 percent from last year.

Nebraska had an average of 11.65 million layers during 2001 which produced a record 3 billion eggs. Nebraska's milk cows produced 1.16 million pounds of milk, down 8 percent from 2000. Nebraska's 43,000 colonies of bees produced 4.1 million pounds of honey.

Nebraska's 32 federally inspected cattle slaughter plants processed 7.6 million cattle during 2001 while 23 federally inspected hog slaughter plants processed 6.6 million hogs. Local lockers processed 700 sheep and lambs; however, nearly all the sheep that Nebraska produces are slaughtered out of state.

Livestock and Products: Index of Livestock Production, 1977=100 Nebraska, Selected Years, 1955-2001

Year	Meat Animals	Milk	Poultry Products	Livestock and Products	Year	Meat Animals	Milk	Poultry Products	Livestock and Products
1955	77	171	234	87	1990	141	100	199	139
1960	69	149	239	79	1995	147	81	316	145
1965	83	135	181	89	1997	142	77	316	140
1970	108	117	116	109	1998	149	78	344	146
1975	96	106	104	97	1999	153	85	427	152
1980	119	98	120	117	2000	154	93	395	153
1985	123	100	117	121	2001	151	86	375	149

Livestock and Products: Record Highs and Lows Nebraska

Item	Estimates Began	Unit	Record High		Record Low	
			Total	Year	Total	Year
			<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Thousand</i>	
All Cattle and Calves	1867	Head	7,410	1974	115	1867
Milk Cows	1867	Head	820	1934	14	1867
Cattle on Feed	1930	Head	2,550	2001	152	1937
Hogs and Pigs	1867	Head	5,983	1924	250	1867
All Sheep	1920	Head	1,265	1943	95	1994, 1997
Wool	1909	Pounds	4,970	1960	620	2001
Chickens	1924	Head	19,938	1944	3,830	1976
Turkeys Raised	1929	Head	2,550	1993	250	1931
Milk	1924	Pounds	3,163,000	1933	1,040,000	1997
Eggs	1924	Eggs	3,001,000	2001	723,000	1974